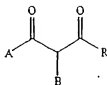


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the present application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c), as indicated below:

1. (Cancelled):
2. (Currently amended): ~~The derivatives~~ A compound according to claims ~~17 and~~ 19, characterized in that the compounds having formula (I) are present as tautomeric forms, pure or as blends of tautomeric forms, in any proportion whatsoever.
- 3-12 (Canceled)
13. (Currently amended): Herbicidal compositions containing, one or more compounds having general formula (I):

(I)



wherein A, B and R have the meanings according to claims ~~17 and~~ 19, possibly also as a blend of tautomers.

14. (Previously presented): The herbicidal compositions according to claim 13, including other herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, acaricides, fertilizers, compatible with the compounds having general formula (I).

15. (Original): The herbicidal compositions according to claim 14, characterized in that the additional herbicides are selected from: acetochlor, acifluorfen, aclonifen, AKH-7088, alachlor, alloxymid, ametryn, amicarbazone, amidosulfuron, amitrole, anilofos, asulam, atrazine, azafenidin, azimsulfuron, aziprotryne, BAS 670 H, BAY MKH 6561, beflubutamid, benazolin, benfluralin, benfuresate, bensulfuron, bensulide, bentazone, benzfendizone, benzobicyclon, benzofenap, benzbthiazuron, bifenox, bilanafos, bispiribac-sodium, bromacil, bromobutide, bromofenoxim, bromoxynil, butachlor, butafenacil, butamifos, butenachlor, butralin, butroxydim, butylate, cafenstrole, carbetamide, carfentrazone-ethyl, chlomethoxyfen, chloramben, chlorbromuron, chlorbufam, chlorflurenol, chloridazon, chlorimuron, chlornitrofen, chlorotoluron, chloroxuron, chlorpropham, chlosulfuron, chlorthal, chlorthiamid, cinidon ethyl, cinmethylin, cinosulfuron, clethodim, clodinafop, clomazone, clomeprop, clopyralid, cloransulam-methyl, cumyluron (JC-940), cyanazine, cycloate, cyclosulfamuron, cycloxydim, cyhalofop-butyl, 2,4-D, 2,4-DB, daimuron, dalapon, desmedipham, desmetryn, dicamba, dichlobenil, dichlorprop, dichlorprop-P, diclofop, diclosulam, diethatyl, difenoxuron, difenzoquat, diflufenican, diflufenzopyr, dimefuron, dimepiperate, dimethachlor, dimethametryn, dimethenamid, dinitramine, dinosseb, dinoseb acetate, dinoterb, diphenamid, dipropetryn, diquat, dithiopyr, 1-diuron, eglinazone, endothal, EPTC, espropcarb, ethalfluralin, ethametsulfuron-methyl, ethidimuron, ethiozin (SMY 1500), ethofumesate, ethoxyfen-ethyl (HC-252), ethoxysulfuron, etobenzanid (HW 52), fenoxaprop, fenoxaprop-P,

fentrazamide, fenuron, flamprop, flamprop-M, flazasulfuron, florasulam, fluazifop, fluazifop-P, fluazolate (JV 485), flucarbazon-sodium, fluchloralin, flufenacet, flufenpyr ethyl, flumetsulam, flumiclorac-pentyl, flumioxazin, flumipropin, fluometuron, fluoroglycofen, fluoronitrofen, flupoxam, fluproanate, flupyrsulfuron, flurenol, fluridone, flurochloridone, fluroxypyr, flurtamone, fluthiacet-methyl, fomesafen, foramsulfuron, fosamine, furyloxyfen, glufosinate, glyphosate, halosulfuron-methyl, haloxyfop, haloxyfop-P-methyl, hexazinone, imazamethabenz, imazamox, imazapic, imazapyr, imazaquin, imazethapyr, imazosulfuron, indanofan, iodosulfuron, ioxynil, isopropalin, isoproturon, isouron, isoxaben, isoxachlortole, isoxaflutole, isoxapyrifop, KPP-421, lactofen, lenacil, linuron, LS830556, MCPA, MCPA-thioethyl, MCPB, mecoprop, mecoprop-P, mefenacet, mesosulfuron, mesotrione, metamitron, metazachlor, methabenzthiazuron, methazole, methoprotryne, methylglyphosate, metobenzuron, metobromuron, metolachlor, S-metolachlor, metosulam, metoxuron, metribuzin, metsulfuron, molinate, monalide, monolinuron, naproanilide, napropamide, naptalam, NC-330, neburon, nicosulfuron, nipyraclufen, norflurazon, orbencarb, oryzalin, oxadiargyl, oxadiazon, oxasulfuron, oxaziclomefone, oxyfluorfen, paraquat, pebulate, pendimethalin, penoxsulam, pentanochlor, pentoxazone, pethoxamid, phenmedipham, picloram, picolinafen, piperophos, pretilachlor, primisulfuron, prodiamine, profluzol, proglinazine, prometon, prometryne, propachlor, propanil, propaquizafop, propazine, propham, propisochlor, propyzamide, prosulfocarb, prosulfuron, pyraclonil, pyraflufen-ethyl, pyrazogyl (HAS-961),

pyrazolynate, pyrazosulfuron, pyrazoxyfen, pyribenzoxim, pyributicarb, pyridafof, pyridate, pyrifthalid, pyriminobac-methyl, pyriothiobac-sodium, quinclorac, quinmerac, quizalofop, quizalofop-P, rimsulfuron, sethoxydim, siduron, simazine, simetryn, sulcotrione, sulfentrazone, sulfometuron-methyl, sulfosulfuron, 2,3,6-TBA, TCA-sodium, tebutam, tebuthiuron, tepraloxym, terbacil, terbumeton, terbutyl-azine, terbutryn, thenylchlor, thiazafuron, thiazopyr, thidiazimin, thifensulfuron-methyl, thiobencarb, tiocarbamil, tioclorim, tralkoxydim, tri-allate, triasulfuron, triaziflam, tribenuron, triclopyr, trietazine, trifloxysulfuron, trifluralin, triflusulfuron-methyl, tritosulfuron, UBI-C4874, vernolate.

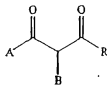
16. (Original): The compositions according to any of the claims 13-15, characterized in that the concentration of active substance ranges from 1 to 90%.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended): ~~Derivatives of 1,3-diones~~ Compounds having general formula (I)

(I)



according to claim 17,

wherein:

-A represents a phenyl or a pyridyl group ~~optionally~~ substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, NO₂, CN, CHO, OH, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkoxy, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy, C₁-C₆ cyanoalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkoxyalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylthioalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylsulfinylalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylsulfonylalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkylthioalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkylsulfinylalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkylsulfonylalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkoxyalkoxy, C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyalkoxy, C₂-C₆ alkylthioalkoxy, C₂-C₆ haloalkylthioalkoxy, C₃-C₁₂ dialkoxyalkyl, C₃-C₁₂ dialkylthioalkyl, C₃-C₁₂ dialkylthioalkoxy, C₃-C₁₂ dialkoxyalkoxy, C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyhaloalkoxy, C₃-C₁₀ alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, —S(O)_mR₁, —OS(O)_tR₁, —SO₂NR₂R₃, —Q, —ZQ₁;

-B represents a D-(R_x)_n group;

-R represents a cyclopropyl or a trifluoromethyl group;

-R₁ represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl group or a C₁-C₆ haloalkyl group;

-m is equal to 0, 1 or 2;

-t is equal to 1 or 2;

-R₂ and R₃, the same or different, represent a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl group in turn optionally substituted with halogen atoms;

-Q and Q₁, represent an aryl group, a C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, or a heterocyclic group selected from pyrazolyl, tetrazolyl, tetrazolonyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazoliny, 1,3-dioxolanyl, tetrahydropyranyl, oxethanyl, oxyranyl, thiazolidinyl, oxazolidinyl; said groups optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, NO₂, OH, CN, CHO, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkoxy, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy

-Z[[=]] is O, S(O);

-r is equal to 0, 1 or 2;

-D represents a monocyclic heteroaryl group selected from 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl, tetrazolyl[[.]] or thiazolyl or ~~pyridyl~~;

-R_x represents a substituent selected from: hydrogen, halogen, NO₂, CN, CHO, OH, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkoxy, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy, C₁-C₆ cyanoalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkoxyalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylthioalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylsulfanylalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylsulfonylalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyalkyl, C₂-

C₆ haloalkylthioalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkylsulfinylalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkyl-sulfonylalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkoxyalkoxy or C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyalkoxy, C₂-C₆ haloalkylthioalkoxy, C₃-C₁₂ dialkoxyalkyl, C₃-C₁₂ dialkylthioalkyl, C₃-C₁₂ dialkylthioalkoxy, C₃-C₁₂ dialkoxyalkoxy, C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyhalo-alkoxy, C₃-C₁₀ alkoxyalkoxyalkyl;

if several R_x groups are present, these can be the same or different;

-n = 1- 4.